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INDIV. SPACE
ALLOWANCE:

current: 4.8 sq meters

Goal 6. " " '60

thus living space for 1/2 million

But

\$205 million was total goal '60 plan
Thus 3 million shortfall is insignificant.

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